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95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapters 41 and 42, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to exposure to depleted uranium by members of the military.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapters 41 and 42, RSMo, are amended by adding thereto
2 two new sections, to be known as sections 41.481 and 42.028, to read as follows:

41.481. 1. As used in this section, "depleted uranium" shall have
2 the same meaning as in section 42.028, RSMo.

3 2. On or before October 1, 2009, the adjutant general shall certify
4 to the general assembly that members of the Missouri national guard
5 are informed of possible health risks associated with exposure to
6 depleted uranium. The certification shall apply to both predeployment
7 and post-mobilization information activities and post-deployment
8 health screening.

42.028. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

2 (1) "Depleted uranium", uranium containing less uranium-2335
3 than the naturally occurring distribution of uranium isotopes;

4 (2) "Eligible member", a member of the Missouri national guard
5 who served in the Persian Gulf War, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101, or in
6 an area designated as a combat zone by the president of the United
7 States during Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi
8 Freedom;

9 (3) "Eligible veteran", any veteran who served in the Persian Gulf
10 War, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101, or in an area designated as a combat
11 zone by the president of the United States during Operation Enduring
12 Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom;

13 (4) "Military physician", a physician who is under contract with

14 the United States Department of Defense to provide physician services
15 to members of the armed forces.

16 2. On and after October 1, 2009, the Missouri veterans'
17 commission shall assist any eligible member or eligible veteran who:

18 (1) Has been assigned a risk level I, II, or III for depleted
19 uranium exposure by his or her branch of service;

20 (2) Is referred by a military physician; or

21 (3) Has reason to believe that he or she was exposed to depleted
22 uranium during such service, in obtaining information on available
23 federal treatment services, including a best practice health screening
24 test for exposure to depleted uranium using a bioassay procedure
25 involving sensitive methods capable of detecting depleted uranium at
26 low levels and the use of equipment with the capacity to discriminate
27 between different radioisotopes in naturally occurring levels of
28 uranium and the characteristic ratio and marker for depleted uranium.
29 No state funds shall be used to pay for such tests or other federal
30 treatment services.

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